

PERSONNEL AND TRAINING BUREAU

**NOTICE**  
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July 23, 2012

**TO:** All Sworn Personnel

**FROM:** Commanding Officer, Personnel and Training Bureau

**SUBJECT:** MANDATORY INSPECTION OF BEAN BAG SHOTGUNS


During a recent officer involved shooting, the Department discovered that a bean bag shotgun malfunctioned during deployment. A post inspection of the weapon revealed that one of the screws which secured the side saddle ammunition carrier had loosened and induced a malfunction in the trigger group. This malfunction could have been discovered during a five-point safety check.


Effective immediately, all bean bag shotguns in all kitrooms and armories shall be inspected to ensure that the screws securing the side saddle ammunition carriers are secure and that the shotgun functions correctly. Any bean bag shotgun found not functioning properly shall be removed from service and delivered to a Department Armory for repair.

Additionally, officers are reminded to complete a full five-point safety check prior to deploying their bean bag shotgun in the field.

If there are any questions regarding this procedure, please contact Lieutenant Michelle Richards, Officer in Charge, Firearms and Tactics Section, Training Division, at (818) 832-3710.

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